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RECOMMENDATION FOR A COUNCIL DECISION  
ON THE PROVISIONAL APPLICATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF  
KIRIBATI (FORMER GILBERT ISLANDS) OF THE ARRANGEMENTS  
PROVIDED FOR IN DECISION 76/568/EEC

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(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

Recommendation for a

COUNCIL DECISION

on the provisional application to the Republic of  
Kiribati (former Gilbert Islands) of the  
arrangements provided for in Decision  
76/568/EEC

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic  
Community,

Having regard to Council Decision 76/568/EEC of 29 June 1976 on  
the association of the overseas countries and territories with  
the European Economic Community (1), as last amended by  
Decision 79/310/EEC (2), and in particular the second subparagraph  
of Article 55(2) thereof,

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- (1) OJ No L 176, 1.7.1976, p. 8.  
(2) OJ No L 72, 23.3.1979, p. 33.

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Whereas, pursuant to the second subparagraph of Article 55(2) of Decision 76/568/EEC, the arrangements provided for therein may continue to apply provisionally, under conditions laid down by the Council, to countries and territories which become independent;

Whereas the Gilbert Islands, which appear in Annex I of that Decision, achieve independence on 12 July 1979 as the Republic of Kiribati;

Whereas it should be decided to continue to apply provisionally the arrangements provided for in the above-mentioned Decision to that State and to lay down the conditions for such application, without prejudice to subsequent recourse to the first subparagraph of Article 55(2) and to Article 56 thereof;

Whereas the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé is open, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 89 thereof, to accession by a country or territory referred to in Part Four of the Treaty and which has become independent; whereas such accession can take place only following a request by the State concerned and with the approval of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers;

Whereas the Gilbert Islands have submitted a request for accession to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé as the Republic of Kiribati;

Whereas the provisional application of Decision 76/568/EEC with regard to that State should be limited in time;

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Whereas, in order to avoid any break in continuity in financing decisions in favour of the Republic of Kiribati between its accession to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé and the entry into force of the decision adjusting the amounts made available to the European Development Fund which the Council is to take pursuant to Article 1(4) of the Internal Agreement on the financing and administration of Community aid of 1975, the Republic of Kiribati should be permitted to continue to benefit until the date of the said entry into force from the provisions of Decision 76/568/EEC relating to financial and technical co-operation,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

The arrangements laid down by Decision 76/568/EEC shall remain provisionally applicable to the Republic of Kiribati until the latter accedes to the ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé, and not later than 1 March 1980.

However, the Republic of Kiribati shall continue to benefit from the provisions of the said Decision relating to financial and technical cooperation until the date of entry into force of the decision adjusting the amounts made available to the European Development Fund which the Council is to take pursuant to Article 1(4) of the Internal Agreement on the financing and administration of Community aid signed on 11 July 1975.

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Article 2

Questions relating to the application of Decision 76/568/EEC to the Republic of Kiribati shall be dealt with as necessary by direct contact between the competent authorities of that State and of the Community.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

It shall apply from

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

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